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Photo by Master Sgt. Jeff Bohn

Bombs Away -- Lt. Col. Steven Ditmer, 90th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, serving as the deployed survival recovery center director, received an exercise post-attack brief at the head of the table while in full chemical protective gear. Colonel

Ditmer and approximately 160 Warren Airmen deployed to an on-base exercise location Saturday and Sunday as part of the AFSPC Inspector General evaluation that tested Airmen's ability to survive and operate in an austere wartime environment.



Remember Those Who Gave The Ultimate Sacrifice

Col. Barry Kistler
90th Space Wing vice commander

Memorial Day a day to remember, for those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and died in the defense of our nation, and for those that serve today and will serve in the future.

Memorial Day, established following the Civil War, honors those who fell in battle from both sides, the Union and Confederate Armies, has stood the test of time as we celebrate it this year on May 31.

This special day is set aside to remember our family members, friends and complete strangers who died so we may live a better life and enjoy freedom today. We must also look to our future as we struggle to preserve freedom in a troubled world. We have family, friends and members of the 90th Space Wing deployed today, all over the world, many in harms way in very violent locations. These great Americans are serving and defending our nation so that we remain free. Many of them will sacrifice their lives and we witness this on a daily basis in print and in pictures.

One year ago, I was deployed to a remote desert location in Southwest Asia supporting the military advance into Iraq. We were in the process of closing the base, making it look as if we were never there. As we approached Memorial Day, the deactivation schedule had us taking down many tents and shelters to include our chapel. I made a quick

adjustment to the schedule to allow the chapel to remain standing until after Memorial Day. You may ask, so what? For five months, the days ran into each other, there wasn't such thing as a weekend or a holiday; Memorial Day was going to be different for us. I felt, in keeping with the tradition of what the day stood for, and the fact that we had been and continue today to have military members die for the defense of our nation, we would celebrate Memorial Day in this foreign land. Last year, Memorial Day, we filled our deployed Chapel to full capacity. All faiths and all branches of the U.S. military attended our service to reflect on the meaning of the day and to give thanks for those that had defended our nation with their very lives. On that day, in that chapel, we realized that any one of us could be called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice. It was very important for the members of the base to take time out of our very busy schedule to honor the sacrifices of those around us. That very special, and personal chapel service reminded us all of the true meaning of Memorial Day.

So, Memorial Day a year ago was very special to me. As we all celebrate Memorial Day this year, please remember the more than 900 U.S. military members that have lost their lives in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom over the past year and pray for those still in harms way today. We must never forget.



Hoops' Shots

I don't know about you, but I'm sure ready for a quiet weekend with no one watching us for a change! This morning wraps up 10 days of an intense, demanding triple inspection of our operational readiness, expeditionary readiness and compliance. I am incredibly proud of the hustle, tenacity and spirit of this wing. Your hard work and long hours have paid off in a great inspection. We absolutely can't let these terrific results get tainted by bad decisions made off base once the inspectors are wheels up.

We always worry about the first break after a tough inspection - even more so now because it's a three-day weekend and the start of the 101 Critical Days of Summer. For more safety tips see pages 12 and 13. More Airmen die from preventable accidents during these 101 days than at any other time of year. Moreover, we absolutely must avoid a repeat of the legal entanglements and risky behavior like we had in the long weekend after January's Nuclear Surety Inspection. Please keep the following safety tips in mind:

- Seat belts: Use them; ensure your passengers use them; it's the law.
- Alcohol: Don't drink and drive (cars, boats, cycles); remember 0-0-1-3.
- Travel: Be sober and well rested; watch out for other vehicles, motorcycles and kids; take frequent breaks; don't speed.
- Swimming: Don't swim alone or in unknown waters.
- Boating: Use life vests; watch where you're going.
- Athletic activities: Stretch to warm up; don't overdo; drink plenty of water before you get thirsty; take extra care on sports you've never done before; wear protective gear.
- Outdoors: Use sunscreen; reapply frequently, especially after swimming.

Even outdoor cooking and home/yard maintenance pose risks. Above all, please watch out for each other and take your time. As the inspection showed, we need each of you to do our mission and the people who love you need you as well.

As for the inspection itself there are so many memories. In Battle Staff we had the Command Hippo, the dinner and a movie club, "hunky-dunky," toy time from the **Mighty Medics**, and more. Our inspector was even in the next

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Wyoming's Bravest - Killed in Action in 2003

Marine 2nd Lt. Therrel S. Childers



March 21, 2003

Lt. Childers, 30, of Harrison County, Miss., and Natrona, Wyo.; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; killed in action in Southern Iraq.

Marine Sgt. Brendon C. Reiss



March 23, 2003

Sgt. Reiss, 23, of Natrona, Wyo.; assigned to 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, Camp Lejeune, N.C.; killed in action near Nasiriyah, Iraq.

Army Pfc. Joseph P. Mayek



April 14, 2003

Pfc. Mayek, 20, of Rock Springs, Wyo.; assigned to C Company, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, Smith Barracks, Germany; killed after being struck by a round that was discharged from a Bradley Fighting Vehicle in Iraq.

Army Pfc. Michael R. Deuel



June 18, 2003

Pfc. Deuel, 21, of Cheyenne and Nemo, S.D.; assigned to Company B, 2nd Battalion, 325th Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.; killed in Baghdad. Deuel received fatal gun shot wounds while on guard duty at a propane distribution center.

Army 1st Lt. Leif E. Nott



July 30, 2003

Lt. Nott, 24, of Cheyenne, attached to A Troop, 1st Battalion, 10th Cavalry, Fort Hood, Texas; died of wounds received from hostile fire on July 30 in Belaruz, Iraq.

Army Capt. Robert L. Lucero



Sept. 25, 2003

Capt. Lucero, 34, of Casper, Wyo.; assigned to the 4th Infantry Division Rear Area Operation Center, U.S. Army National Guard, Casper, Wyo.; by an improvised explosive device in Tikrit, Iraq.

Information regarding these Wyoming servicemembers killed supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom can be found at www.militarycity.com, an Air Force Times Web site.

Secretary, Chief Send Memorial Day Message

WASHINGTON - The following is a Memorial Day message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper:

"This Memorial Day beckons us once again to remember and reflect on the selfless sacrifices of members of America's armed forces.

"While stories abound on the origins of the Memorial Day observance, one aspect remains abundantly clear - since it was first proclaimed officially in May 1868, Americans continue to enthusiastically honor the enormous sacrifices of all the service men and women who have paid the ultimate price for

freedom, as well as thanking those who serve today.

"As the war on terror continues, our thoughts and prayers continue to be with our Airmen and their families. This year, we are more thankful than ever for your noble service, around the world and at

home stations. America is forever indebted to you and your families for your

commitment to the high calling of defending our nation.

"We encourage you to join us Monday at 3 p.m. local time to observe the National Moment of Remembrance as America honors those who have served so honorably and bravely as

uniformed members of the armed forces. A White House resolution in 2000 designated the National Moment of Remembrance as an opportunity for all Americans to commemorate the true meaning of Memorial Day by observing one minute of silence, driving with their headlights on or participating in another appropriate activity honoring our fallen veterans.

"We thank you for what you do every day for America and America's Air Force. You and your families are among our nation's greatest treasures and we are honored to serve with you.

"May God bless you and your service, and may God continue to bless America."

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—Dr. James G. Roche
Secretary of the Air Force
—Gen. John P. Jumper
Air Force Chief of Staff

AFSPC Commander's 101 CDS Message

General Lance W. Lord
Air Force Space Command commander

Memorial Day is a time to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. It also marks the beginning of the 101 Critical Days of Summer (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend), a time when we traditionally face higher risk of accidental injury and death. Last year, the Air Force suffered 35 off-duty fatalities during the 101 Critical Days of Summer, including two Air Force Space Command Airmen. My goal this year is zero AFSPC fatalities-with your help

we can reach that goal. Commanders, be sure your summer safety campaigns aggressively address topics such as PMV travel, motorcycle riding, driving and alcohol and sports/outdoor activities. Don't let anyone become complacent about summer safety--complacency is a recipe for disaster. Supervisors hold face-to-face

“Think seriously about safety-be sure you are around to celebrate Labor Day.”

—General Lance W. Lord
Air Force Space Command commander

safety briefings and discuss risk management strategies with your people before they go on leave. Don't sign that leave paperwork until you're convinced they understand their risks and are taking them seriously. To all AFSPC personnel, make smart choices this summer. Remember that we're all mortal and sometimes our lives

and the lives of others depend on the choices we make. Wear your seatbelt ...every time you get into a car. Wear the proper motorcycle protective equipment...every time you ride. Don't drive after drinking or when you're fatigued ...ever. Think seriously about safety-be sure you are around to celebrate Labor Day. Beccy and I want to wish everyone in the AFSPC family a safe and enjoyable summer and would like to offer our sincere appreciation for your service to the greatest nation on Earth. "Safety is an attitude -- Get one!"

20th AF Commander: Take Care of Each Other

Maj. Gen. Frank G. Klotz
20th Air Force commander

The "101 Critical Days of Summer" marks the time from Memorial Day through Labor Day when Air Force members historically experience more injuries and deaths. Therefore, we must place special emphasis on our unit and individual mishap prevention efforts and attitudes. Key focus areas for the 20th Air Force this year include: off-duty PMV travel, motorcycles,

sports and recreation, water sports, all-terrain vehicles, motocross, etc ... and other high-risk activities. Many of you will be driving on our nation's highways this summer en route to see family and friends as well as visit popular vacation destinations. Commanders and supervisors must ensure they are actively engaged in off-duty risk management and provide friendly reminders to personnel about safety. Emphasis should always include: wearing seatbelts,

never drink and drive, avoid speeding and always get adequate rest. Even if you remain in the local area, you are not immune from accidents and mishaps and must resist becoming complacent about safety at or near home. We have many motorcycle drivers, young and old, new and experienced. Regardless of individual skills and age, every motorcycle rider is required by the Air Force to receive proper training. Also, they must wear protective equipment every

time. It will save one's life! The welfare of our intercontinental ballistic missile professionals and their families is most important to ensure mission success. Each commander, supervisor and worker must be responsible for creating a passion for mishap avoidance. We must make a conscious effort at being safe. The goal is zero fatalities this summer. Take care of yourself, take care of family and friends, and most of all take care of each other.

Remember Heroes Who Have Gone Before us

General Lance W. Lord
Commander, Air Force Space Command

It is my hope that this Memorial Day finds you and your families safe, healthy, and happy. Let us all pause and reflect on this great day and remember the heroes who have gallantly gone before us and gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

We first observed this day of remembrance after the Civil War, by decorating the graves of the soldiers who gave their lives in that conflict. Since then, wars have been fought on many fronts to ensure the

liberty of free nations - from the jungles of the South Pacific to the bloody beaches of Normandy, atop the slopes of the Korean peninsula to the rice paddies of Vietnam, and from the mountains of Afghanistan to the deserts of Iraq.

This Memorial Day finds our nation once again engaged in a conflict that challenges the

very ideal of American freedom. The war on terrorism is a war we did not seek, but it is a war we will win. We know victory will again come with a heavy price, but let us all be filled with a renewed sense of mission. We are honored to stand in an unbroken line of patriots who dare to give all so that freedom might live, grow and increase its blessings. The torch of

freedom is now ours to carry.

May the quality of our deeds and our devotion to duty set a shining example for all Americans. Let us reserve the honors this Memorial Day for those who sacrificed their lives for the cause of freedom.

May we continue to keep these veterans in our hearts, on our minds, and in our prayers. May god bless the United States and all the heroes we honor today.

Beccy joins me in saluting your outstanding performance. I am proud to serve along side each and every member of Air Force Space Command. We wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable holiday.

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—General Lance W. Lord
AFSPC commander

Guard, Reserve and Their Families Have New Primary Care Managers in Flight Medicine

All Guard/Reserve and their family members have new primary care manager assignments.

Due to enrollment issues in family practice and pediatric clinics, Guard/Reserve and

their family members have been moved to flight medicine.

This decision was made to enable TRICARE to enroll additional patients to the facility. Any pediatric patients moved to flight medicine

were screened and approved by the pediatrician. For more information, call Capt. Stephanie Cederman at 773-5641.



Warren SNCO Wins AFSPC Level Award

Maj. Kim Parker
20th Air Force

Master Sgt. Donald T. Crosby, Special Security Office chief, Headquarters Twentieth Air Force, Warren, was recently named by Air Force Space Command as the recipient of the 2003 Outstanding Enlisted Intelligence Contributor of the Year.

A ceremony was held at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., on May 19 to recognize the AFSPC intelligence community outstanding performers.

Headquarters Defense Intelligence Agency inspectors named his sensitive compartmented intelligence program “the best seen

in two years,” out of more than 300 SCI programs inspected DoD-wide since 2001. Sergeant Crosby’s SCI indoctrination and program management efforts directly supported the unique 20 AF/Task Force 214 intercontinental ballistic missile mission as well as air expeditionary force operations such as Iraqi Freedom.

Many agencies within Air Force Space Command to include, the 90th Space Wing, the 91st Space Wing, Minot AFB, N.D., 341st Space Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Mont., and the 137th Space Warning Squadron as well as the 153rd Command and Control Squadron, routinely consulted Sergeant Crosby for SCI and special security guidance.



Give your family and friends the opportunity to share in your Air Force career

The Hometown News Release Program allows enlisted, officer and DoD employees a way to publish information about career milestones in their hometown newspaper.

How? Just complete a DD Form 2266, Information for Hometown News Release, from the convenience of your computer. Visit www.warren.af.mil and click on the hometown news

release link on the public affairs page. Then bring it to public affairs located on the second floor of Building 250, or fax the completed form to 773-2074. Call public affairs at

773-3381 to verify the request was received. For a complete submissions list, contact public affairs or reference Air Force Instruction 35-101, Figure 14.5.

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Magical
Dancing

Magic of the Pacific Islander dancers perform at Wednesday's Asian Pacific Islander Luau at the Trail's End. At the event, attended by Gov. Dave Freudenthal, his wife Nancy and their daughter Hillary, Mrs. Mariko Terasaki Miller was the guest speaker. The Honorary Consul-General of Japan grew up in Japan and the United States. The theme of the luau was to honor the significance of Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month, celebrating all Asian Pacific cultures and their contributions to the United States.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Lauren Sixbey

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Meals on Wheels Food Drive

A food drive for Meals on Wheels will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday through June 5 at Building 485, Room 131. Non-perishable items are requested. For more information, contact Airman 1st Class Kenneth Williams at 773-2308.

ATWIND Picnic

Around The World In Ninety Days is the Air Mobility Command and Air Force Space Command services' game. The annual kick-off picnic is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. June 4 at Argonne Parade Field. There will be live entertainment, free barbecue, lots of activities, and of course, ATWIND game tickets. For more information on ATWIND, log onto www.atwind.com.

Commander's Calls and ATWIND

Commanders who schedule an ATWIND

briefing at their commander's call in June, July, or August earn ATWIND game pieces for all squadron members in attendance. Call Ms. Lorri Welsh at 773-2858.

Mayoral Day Scheduled

The next Mayoral Day is scheduled for Tuesday.

Secretaries Quarterly Luncheon Scheduled

The Warren Secretaries scheduled a quarterly luncheon 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Warren Stables Clubhouse. For more information, contact Mrs. Kay Bybee at 773-4142 or Mrs. Angela Muzquiz at 773-3846.

Memorial Day

Monday is Memorial Day, which is an official government holiday. The Cheyenne Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. in downtown Cheyenne. For more information, contact Ms. Jean Brown at 412-6661 or 638-8886.

Road Closure

Randall Avenue will be closed Tuesday through close of business Wednesday to allow for sweeping and paint striping. The primary detour route will be South Fort Steele to 10th or 15th Calvary. The other detour route will be North Fort Steele to Fort Morgan Way to access family housing, the base theater and Rodgers Road. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Todd Meaney at 773-4514.

Commissary Awareness Month

To find out more about Commissary Awareness Month, you can log onto www.commissaries.com. You'll see new tags in the store to make shopping easier.

School Ground-breaking Postponed

The ground-breaking ceremony for the Warren grade school has been postponed until further notice. For more information, call Ms. Elizabeth McClain at 773-3897.

Induction Ceremony

The non-commissioned officer and senior non-commissioned officer induction ceremony is scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Trail's End.

Wish You Were in Hollywood?

The Warren public affairs office is looking for volunteers to help produce motivational videos for the base. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Darrick Lee at 773-3381.

Anime Night

How much of an anime fan are you? Visit the Dorm Escape every Thursday at 6 p.m. to watch classic and new anime with your fellow Airmen. For more information, contact Airman 1st Class Ian Redding at 773-4204 or Airman 1st Class John Bishop at 773-3572.

Clinic Closure

The base clinic will close today at 1 p.m.

Hip-Hop Hoops Tonight

Join in the late night fun at Freedom Hall, to-

day where there will be Hip-Hop Hoops pick up basketball from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. It's fun and it's free. Earn five May Fitness Month points. For more information, call 773-6172.

Pool Splash Bash Memorial Day

The base Aquatic Center is open Memorial Day from 1 - 5 p.m. for a Splash Bash celebration. There will be burgers and hotdogs on sale at the backyard barbecue.

To attend the Splash Bash pay the normal open swim price: \$3 for adults, \$2, for ages 11-17 and \$1 for ages 3-10, ages 2 and younger are free. Purchase a Summer Family Swim Pass at the Splash Bash and save \$15! For more information, call 773-3195.

Base Lake Fish Restocking

The south base lake was restocked with fish Thursday and is ready for fishing.

ATWIND PICNIC

Friday, June 4

11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Argonne Parade Field -

Everyone Invited!

An official base-wide function

● Entertainment by Seven Sundays

● FREE BBQ Chicken Dinner

● Lots of activity booths, games, contests for adults and kids!

AROUND THE WORLD

IN NINETY DAYS

Great way for the whole family to get their first game piece. See ATWIND Headquarters and sponsor booths.

Very Im-Press-ive

Capt. Greg Steeger, 321st Missile Squadron, spots the first place winner of the annual bench pressing competition, 1st Lt. Alqualios Hammonds, 90th Operations Group. The scoring was based on how much weight was lifted versus total body weight of the lifter. Hammonds was able to lift 300 pounds, while Steeger lifted 330. Third place went to Capt. Scott Gilson, 20th Air Force, who lifted 400 pounds. Capt. Nicole Roberts, 90th Missile Security Forces Squadron, took home first place in the women's competition that was held at Freedom Hall May 20.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Lauren Sixbey

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YOUTH LEARN-TO-GOLF PROGRAM

Article courtesy of the Warren Golf Club

Warren Golf Club now offers Golf 4 Kids, a new youth player development program which makes learning the game easy and affordable, but most of all, fun. Operated by Air Force Services and the Warren Golf Club, Golf 4 Kids is designed to give children ages 8-13 years old the love of a game they'll play for a lifetime. The Warren Golf Club program will be June 28 - July 1, Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - noon. Parents are encouraged to call the Pro Shop, 773-3556 to register their children.

Golf 4 Kids provides participants with a solid foundation about the game of golf, including swing mechanics, etiquette, terminology, proper behavior, and how to maintain speed of play. For \$60, participants receive eight hours of small group instruction through supervised on-course playing experiences. Children are divided into groups of no more than six students, and

are grouped by age from 8-10 years and 11-13 years.

For \$60 (a retail value of \$200), participants receive a Golf 4 Kids logo t-shirt, cap, golf towel, neon tee pack and bag tag, rules and etiquette brochures and a graduation certificate.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to learn the game of golf, develop good skills and meet friends," said Mr. Eric Sudy, Air Force golf program director and PGA Professional. "Golf 4 Kids provides a relaxed learning atmosphere without the intimidation factor, with emphasis on having fun. We look forward to offering this exciting program to the military community."



Children who are family members of authorized patrons of all branches of military service, including active duty, retired, DoD civilians, are eligible to participate.

For more information about Golf 4 Kids, contact the Warren Golf Club, 773-3556.

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U.S. AIR FORCE BRIEFS

Airmen Help Rural Thai Preschool

UDORN THANI, Thailand (AFPN) — More than 12 Airmen from Kadena Air Base, Japan, helped a preschool May 19, offering supplies, building materials and a playground renovation.

Airmen from the 353rd Special Operations Group arrived at the rural school, located 30 miles south the base. They began distributing notebooks, pencils, crayons and erasers to the 60 boys and 61 girls at the school.

Firefighting Aircraft Deploy to Arizona

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) — Two Air Force Reserve Command C-130 Hercules aircraft and their crews deployed to Mesa, Ariz., Sunday to prepare for fire season in Arizona.

The planes, equipped with the modular airborne firefighting system, are being pre-positioned to augment the Forest Service. The system disperses a liquid fire retardant.

Airmen Destroy Grenade Launchers

TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq (AFPN) — More than 600 rocket-propelled grenade launchers collected by coalition forces throughout southern Iraq, were recently destroyed by Airmen of the 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron.



Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — Capt. Morgan Johnson learns to float using a cable during filming of new Air Force commercials at Universal Studios May 19. Four ads being filmed over two weeks in several locations throughout California will air in the fall. Captain Johnson is a program manager for military satellite communication ground-control systems at Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif.

Apply for Developmental Education Soon

Article courtesy of AFPC News Service

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Mission support officers considering basic developmental education programs in 2005 have until June 15 to apply.

Available programs include:

- Air Force Institute of Technology.
- Education with industry.
- Space-lift education and crossover program.
- Space and missile acquisition exchange program.
- Acquisition and intelligence experience exchange tour.
- Acquisition and logistics experience exchange tour.
- Comptroller operation logistics tour.
- Lean aerospace initiative.
- Fellowship at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School.

— Communications and information engineering exchange.

— Civil and developmental engineering exchange.

— Financial management leadership program.

"These programs are great opportunities for young officers," said Lt. Col. Phil Cooper, deputy chief of the mission support officer assignments division at the Air Force Personnel Center here. "All officers should take the time to check into developmental programs such as these and apply if it seems right for their progression."

Officers in mission-support related career fields may be able to apply for one or more developmental programs. Also, officers in intelligence and space and missiles

can apply for exchange programs with the acquisition career fields.

"These programs are great opportunities for young officers"

—Lt. Col. Phil Cooper
Air Force Personnel Center

The officers must be released by their core assignment team before applying. They must submit a completed Air Force Form 3849, "PME/AFIT/RTFB Officer Worksheet," to AFPC by June 15, said Capt. Ryan Mueller, developmental engineering assignment officer.

"This process is separate from the ongoing intermediate developmental-education process and eligibility requirements vary for each program," he said.

E-mail addresses for application submissions and complete details about each program are available at local military personnel fights or at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/acquis/AFIT05Message.htm.

90 LRS NCO and Honor Guard Member Finds Time to Enjoy Work and Family

Airman 1st Class Lauren Sixbey sat down with one of the 90th Logistics Readiness Squadron's top troops, Staff Sgt. Kareem Johnson, NCOIC of packing and crating, to talk about Southern cooking, being a dad and a green ogre named Shrek.

Describe your job.

We package all Air Force assets and we certify hazardous material for shipping. We also train base personnel on how to receive in-bound shipments. I also do base honor guard.

What's your favorite part?

Working with my coworkers. Each one has their own distinct personality. In dealing with them it makes me stay on my toes.

The honor guard is fulfilling to me to represent the Air Force in that way. I really enjoy that.

How long have you been in?

Six and a half years.

How long do you plan on staying in the Air Force?

Twenty years. When I'm here I feel like I make a difference and I feel like my job means something. I'd like to stay dedicated to that.

Why did you join?

I didn't want to go to college at that time. I wanted to do something productive.

Where are you originally from?

Spartanburg, S.C.

What do you miss most about Spartanburg?

The food. The Southern cooking and sweet tea.

What did you do before you joined?

I worked at Pizza Hut all throughout high school.

What's the last movie you saw in the theater?

"Shrek 2." I took my family. It was just as good as part one.

Tell me about your family.

I have a wife, Nikki, and two sons, Kareem II, who's 4, and Khalil is 1.

If you could have dinner delivered to you tonight from anywhere in the world, what would it be and where would it be from?

Philly cheese steaks from The Real Deal in Spartanburg. The owner is originally from Philadelphia.

What's the best book ever written?

The autobiography of Malcolm X and the Roots collection by Alex Haley.

Who is your hero?

My mom. She was a single mom. She had brain tumors that eventually took her life, but she was really strong during that time. I really looked up to her. My wife is also my hero. She keeps both of my boys, keeps our house spotless and always has dinner waiting for me when I come home. I don't know what I would do without her.

If you could experience any moment in history, what would it be?

Anytime during Christ's life.

What do you do on your days off?

I have family time and dad time.

What would you do with a time machine?



I'd go back and talk to my ancestors, the people in my family whom I've never met.

When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

A police officer. I still want to be a police officer when I get out. I'd like to pursue a degree in criminal justice.

What CD is in your stereo right now?

It's a burned CD of different artists like Outkast, Black Eyed Peas and Kanye West.

If you could switch jobs with anyone on base for a day, who would it be?

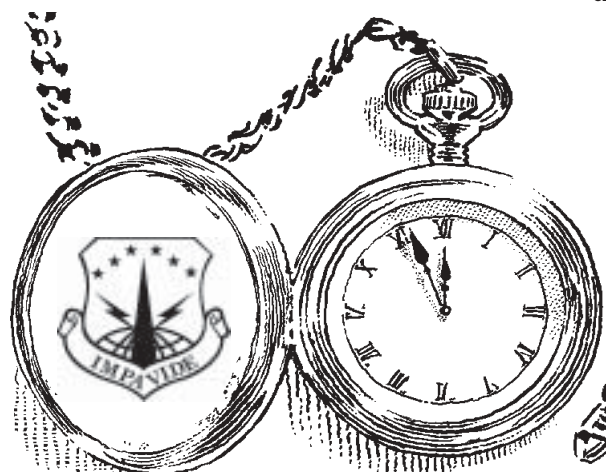
An OSI agent because it's the type of work I want to get in to.

What's the best show on TV?

Sports Center.

What's your life's motto?

If it is to be, it is up to me.



Warren's Battle of the Squadrons is Underway

Article courtesy of the 90th Space Wing Safety Office

This summer at Warren stands to be as exciting as any in the last decade. In addition to local events like Cheyenne Frontier Days and the Rocky Mountain Stampede, the Mighty Ninety will be kicking off this year's "101 Critical Days of Summer" campaign. Festivities begin with the "Battle of the Squadrons" summer safety competition, running from today to Sept. 6.

"The competition will focus on the positive aspects of safety including personal and squadron involvement, as well as support for the ATWIND program," said Lt. Col. Jeff Smith, 90th Space Wing chief of safety. "The program is voluntary for squadron personnel, but their participation earns their squadron points. All squadrons meeting the goal of a 50 percent reduction of mishaps will earn a plaque. The squadron

meeting this goal and with the highest number of safety points weighed against their population will be awarded the coveted Cowboy-up Trophy."

Personnel can support their squadron's race for the trophy, while enhancing summer safety and supporting ATWIND, by participating in the contests and activities listed below.

Crossword Puzzles: There will be a safety crossword puzzle published in the base paper every three weeks during the campaign. On that day individuals have until 4:30 p.m. to complete the puzzle and send it to the wing safety office. The completed puzzles must be hand carried to our office by the individual to prevent copying. For every successful completion, one ATWIND game piece will be given to the individual and a safety point awarded to his or her squadron.

Posters: There will be a poster contest focusing on five categories. These categories are, Home/Domestic, Sports/Recreational, On-Duty Safety, Driving, and Motorcycles. During the first week in September - the last week of the campaign judges will pick winners. Safety points will be awarded on a first through third place posting. First place winners will receive three ATWIND game pieces and ten safety points awarded to their squadron. Second place winners will receive two ATWIND game pieces and five safety points awarded to their squadron. Third place winners will receive one ATWIND game piece and three safety points awarded to their squadron. All personnel who submit posters but do not place in the top three will be awarded one ATWIND game piece and one safety point awarded to their squadron.

Slogans: There will be a

safety slogan contest where all slogans are turned into wing safety and graded for acceptability. Slogans may be hand carried to our office, faxed to 773-2079, or e-mailed to 90SW.se@warren.af.mil. Each individual who turns in an acceptable slogan will receive one ATWIND game piece with one safety point being awarded to his or her squadron. Each person who has their safety slogan posted on the base marquee during the 101 critical days of summer will receive an additional two ATWIND game pieces with three additional safety points awarded to their squadron.

Safety Articles: Every individual that submits a safety article to our office during the 101 Critical Days of Summer will be awarded one ATWIND game

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booth the one day I had a chance to enjoy a quick meal off base. Who can forget our ever-present **Mighty Helos**? Their vigilance ensured that every grounds person on base now runs for cover anytime they hear the blades overhead. How about the clearing barrel that cleared a building? Or the powdered creamer in the Porta-Potty in Phase 1. We sure showed them when we used "in-country" assets to avoid their ambushes! We had tornados, hail and even the Russians visited - just another day to us.

We will see many, many acco-

lades, professional teams and performers this morning. What you won't see are the people who were ready and itching to get reviewed, but the inspectors never came. You won't see kudos for the dozens of people who worked every night securing buildings in FPCON Charlie. The defender who spent hours every day watching a building, the driver who sat on a bus for hours on end just in case or the role players who laid around for an entire day as dead or wounded without complaint. You won't see in the report the services team who

kept our spirits up with box lunches, smiley faces and stirring messages of WIRED! You won't see what it was like to stay in battle rattle for days. You won't see, but I heard and observed, story after story of our people keeping positive attitudes, focus and determination whether they were tired or not, whether they were observed or not, giving 100 percent but keeping their humor. I salute you all and congratulate you on giving them heck and turning in a superior performance. It is an honor to serve with such wonderful warriors and professionals. --Col Hoops

GeoBase - A Way to Share Common Data

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You will notice when driving around Warren that most of the base scenery, with its historical structures and rolling plains, does not significantly change its appearance from one day to the next.

GeoBase is a program designed to take advantage of this common base picture for integrated situational awareness in base operations. The GeoBase vision is "One Installation...One Map". It centralizes all mapping, surveying and drawing capabilities into one electronic database called the Common Installation Picture. At Warren, the CIP not only encompasses the main installation but the missile sites as well. The goal of GeoBase is to allow all units to be passengers in the same vehicle of spatially represented data and share the same picture of the base and associated facilities for use in conducting their respective missions.

GeoBase provides real-time access to installation data for integration into mission operations whether the need is to visualize emergency response, staffing, planning, resource management or infrastructure information.

Within GeoBase, installation and facilities information is transformed into standardized electronic data layers. A "point-and-click" interface allows easy access from a user's desktop computer providing the ability to graphically depict and extract descriptive characteristics of any area of interest. The data is housed within a central location but maintained and managed by the individual data stewards in each organization. The ability to manage their own unit's information, or mission data sets, enables the users of GeoBase to apply the data to their unit's decision-making tools.

GeoBase is essentially a repository of digital information linked to an installation map and aerial imagery, combined with a robust database of indi-

vidual mission data sets from each organization, providing an extremely detailed picture of the entire installation not previously possible. Most above-ground physical features such as paved areas, roads, streams, lakes, ground elevation data, vegetation and buildings are incorporated into the common database.

The real strength of GeoBase; however, lies not with the data but with key personnel having knowledge of this technology's existence and actively using it to increase their unit's operational efficiency.

An Air Force Space Command GIO representative will be visiting June 7 to 11 to increase awareness and to provide people an opportunity to comment on how GeoBase can best be incorporated into operations at Warren.

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piece with a safety point being awarded to his or her squadron. If that article is published in the base paper they will receive two additional ATWIND game pieces.

Alternate Activities: All individuals are encouraged to use the alternate activities sponsored by the M.A.D. Crew and provided during the summer months. Some of these activities are Hip-Hop Hoops, Late Night at the Movies, and Dorm Escape. Participants in

these alternate sponsored activities will receive one ATWIND game piece with a safety point being awarded to his or her squadron.

"The only compulsory part for squadrons will be seatbelt checks performed throughout the summer," said Colonel Smith. "Each squadron or group of squadrons will perform a random seatbelt check at various base locations. This not only encourages base personnel to buckle up but pro-

vides valuable data to be used in national statistics."

The 90th Safety Office has established the "rules of engagement" and challenges all members of the Warren family to "Cowboy Up For Safety."

"In order to ensure a successful summer campaign here at the Mighty Ninety, we ask that commanders and supervisors give total support and commitment," said Colonel Smith. "Let the battle commence!"

Give me Your Two Cents

Why is Memorial Day important?



"I enjoy wearing my uniform on Memorial Day in honor of those who have died wearing it."

-- Airman 1st Class
Michelle Hawkins,
90 MMXS



"They gave their lives for their country, they deserve the recognition."

-- Airman 1st Class
Brent Pope,
90 CES



"They fought and died for the greatest country in the world."

-- Airman Josh Ingram,
790 MSFS